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SERIAL NO.: **10/611,625** **GROUP ART UNIT: 3729**

FILED: **06/30/03** **EXAMINER: Paul D. Kim**

FOR: **A Method For Manufacturing A Tunnel Junction Sensor
With Non-Shunting Stabilization**

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In a Restriction Requirement dated December 17, 2004, the Examiner has required an election of a single disclosed species for prosecution. The Examiner has identified the following species:

Species A, drawn to Fig. 2A

Species B, drawn to Fig. 2B

Species C, drawn to Fig. 3A

Species D, drawn to Fig. 3B (identified by the Examiner as 3A)

Species E, drawn to Fig. 4A

Species F, drawn to Fig. 4B (identified by the Examiner as 4A)

Species G, drawn to Fig. 7

Applicant respectfully points out that the present application (10/611,625) is a divisional application. The original parent application, now issued as

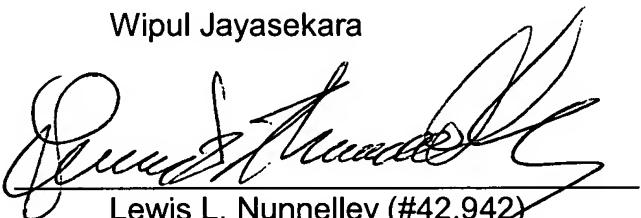
US6,833,982, was subjected to a restriction requirement. The apparatus claims were chosen for prosecution in the original application. The apparatus claimed in the issued patent are illustrated in Figs. 2a, 2b, 3a, 3b, 4a, 4b, and 7. In the present application, the claims are directed to the method. Figure 8 illustrates the method. In the present application there is only one independent claim (claim 25); while the additional claims (26-46) are dependent on claim 25.

Therefore, in the present application, Applicant selects claims 25-46 (illustrated in Fig. 8) for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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